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LONDON, *March* 2.

THE troops going out to America this year are all to be in readiness to embark the 25th instant.

Major General Cunningham is arrived express from Ireland, his departure from thence it is said have been taken, and the business here to proceed in with alacrity as the impracticability of managing forty-five thousand men in arms.

We hear the following ships are appointed to convey the West India fleet viz London, 90 guns, Berwick, 74; Egmont, 74; and Stirling Castle, 74.

Extract of a letter from a gentleman in Ireland, to a gentleman in London, February 2.

"What I hinted at in my former letters is now begun. An universal declaration of the freedom and independency of this kingdom. Three counties and two cities have already declared it in the most peremptory stile, and five counties more have advertised meetings. This day the sheriffs of the city of Dublin attended by 300 citizens and 240 of the volunteers, with their side arms, waited upon their representatives with an address and instructions to repeal Poynings law and pass a money declaratory act; so considerable a meeting for freedom and property was never before seen in Dublin. They are more firm and determined in having a free constitution than they were in having a free trade; some resolutions say, that no power on earth has, ought, or shall have a right to bind Ireland. In a word, the people are determined to revive the constitution of their ancestors."

Extract of a letter from Plymouth, March 7.

"Yesterday the 2nd and 35th regiments of foot embarked from Catwater on board the transports lying there to receive them but their destination is not known.

"One hundred American prisoners embarked this day in Stonehouse Pool, from Stonehouse prison, on board a cartel, for Morlaix, in France."

April 4. A comet will be visible some time next month, and for several succeeding months. It is the same phenomenon which was observed in the year 1680, by that great philosopher Sir Isaac Newton, and by him particularly described to be the same which appeared forty-three years before the birth of our Saviour, and afterwards in the year in which Julius Cæsar was assassinated. Admiral Halley, that the track of this immense ball of fire, since its last appearance in our hemisphere, is immeasurable by any ideas of space or numbers.

PHILADELPHIA, *July* 3.

Extract of a letter from General Washington, to the President of Congress, dated Hd Qrs, June 25, 1780.

THE conduct of the enemy, giving us reason to suspect a design against West Point, on the 23d the army, except two brigades and the horse (left under the command of General Greene to cover the country and our flocks) was put in motion to proceed slowly towards Pompton. On the 23d it arrived at Rockaway bridge, about eleven miles from Morristown. The day following the enemy arrived in force from Elizabeth town towards Springfield. They were opposed with great conduct and spirit by Major General Greene and Dickinson with the continental troops and such of the militia as were assembled; but with their superiority in numbers, they of course gained Springfield. Having burnt the village, they retired the same day to their former position; in the night they abandoned it, crossed over to Staten Island, and took up their bridge. I beg leave to refer Congress to General Greene's report for particulars.

"The enemy have at length made their incursions into this state without loss. Our loss is not small. The militia deserve every thing that can be said on both occasions. They flew to arms with a promptitude equal to any thing I have seen in those who are [illegible]."

[*Here follows, in the Philadelphia papers of Saturday last, General Greene's report of the battle at Springfield, and a return of the killed, wounded, and missing, by the enemy's account as published. But we are unwilling to fill our paper with [illegible]*.]

BALTIMORE, *July* 4.

THE enemy to the number of eight thousand men, under the command of Sir Henry Clinton, a few days ago paraded up Hudson's river, in about sixty vessels, which lay, when the last accounts came away, twenty miles below West Point. Seven or eight hundred of the troops landed, were landed on the East side of the river, near where the shipping lay.

A brigantine with provisions and valued at 7800l sterling, and another brig with 300 pipes of wine, British property, were lately captured [illegible] New London, Connecticut.

ANNAPOLIS, *July* 10.

Extract of a letter from a gentleman in St. Eustatius, to his friend at West River, dated June 12, 1780,

WE are much alarmed here by the arrival of 12 Spanish and 4 French ships of the line, with a number of transports and about 12000 troops, to reinforce the French fleet in these seas, which makes them now far superiour to the English. They all anchored at Martinique, and we have great reason to think a heavy blow will soon be made against most of the English islands. It has alarmed the inhabitants very much indeed.

"We hear the French ships of the line come down here last night. They are waiting the result of some plan in agitation; at all events we presume they must soon have possession of most of these islands, for if they command the seas they must fall. And should they soon put an end to the war, and restore us a prosperous, lasting and honourable peace."

WILLIAMSBURG, JULY 15.

Extract of a letter from one of the Gentlemen in His Excellency General Washington's family, dated Head Quarters, Ramapaugh, June 27, 1780.

I ARRIVED after a severe ride, on the evening of the 23d. You will see the official report of that day's transactions in the public papers. In this and the former incursion of the enemy, we calculate their loss at not less than 500, and in both you may be assured they have been greatly disgraced. They have lost some valuable officers. We have only to lament that of Captain Thomson, of the artillery. They abandoned some stores in their precipitate retreat from the Point, which (although well fortified) fell into our hands. Since this they have employed themselves in making demonstrations with their shipping up the North river, and we have been marching till to-day that we take a rest. Their movements seem to look towards West Point, but in my opinion they can have no other object in view, being

embarrass our measures. They have experienced that we are not yet so weak but we have spirits to fight them, nor the militia so dispirited as to lay down their arms. Both have in a singular manner, added to their reputation, battled the enemy, and preserved our public stores from destruction, which was at least seriously intended. West Point is now in a condition beyond their experiments, our army in good spirits, and the French assistance soon expected. But with all this before us, every face, every individual should feel, that to complete their happiness, or to avert their ruin, something more is necessary to be attended to than wishes for our success."

FOR sale by the subscriber, in *Botetourt* county, five hundred acres of valuable land lying on *Tinker* and *Glade* creeks. On which there is a considerable quantity of meadow ground easily cleared, and about thirty acres under fence in *Indian* corn; it is well watered with fine springs, and the creeks afford plenty of fresh water fish in every season. Likewise two tracts of land of the first quality in the county of *Kentucky*. A pre-emption of one thousand acres lying on *Hutton's* fork of *Licking* creek; the other a settlement and pre-emption of fourteen hundred acres on the head of *Hurod's* fork near the falls of the *Ohio*. I would exchange the above lands on reasonable terms for negroes.

WILLIAM FLEMING.

TO be sold at *Chickahominy* ship yard, on *Tuesday* the 6th of *August* next, for ready money, the ships *Warrior* and *Dragon*; the said ships are in very good repair, and tonnage well found. Any person inclinable to purchase, may see the ships, and an invantory of their sails, &c. by applying to Capt. *James Maxwell*, at the ship yard, any time before the day of sale.

Williamsburg, July 10, 1780.

I HAVE for sale two valuable NEGROES, a girl about ten, and wench about twenty-five years; likewise household & kitchen furniture, such as chairs, tables, beds and bedding, a small quantity of china, a desk and beaufet, some bags, and a cow. I will lease two tenements at the upper end of the main street, for one year or more, for tobacco or cash.

ALEXANDER MACKENBURGH.

TO be sold on the premises, in the borough of *Norfolk*, and in the town of *Portsmouth*, on *Tuesday* the 8th of *August* next, the following escheated property: *William Cheshire, James Hodges, Andrew Stevenson, Josiah Hodges, Thomas Farrar, Benjamin Knight, Andrew Sprowle, William Parker, John Greenwood, Willoughby Morgan, James Campbell and Company, Neil Jamison, Jamison, Campbell, Calvert and Company, James Dunn, Thomas M'Knight, Robert Gilmour, Talbot Thompson, John Hardy, William Orange, William Johnson Ryssam, John Cranmond, Jonathan Bilbuck, Thomas Stewart, John Goldrich, jun. the estate of Andrew Sprowle, John Ballentine, John Brown, John Goldrich, sen. Roger Stewart, Colin Rae, William Rankings, Robert Sheldon, John Agnew, Alexander Montgomery, Benjamin Bannerman, John Ewing, James Miller, George and John Baynes, James Dawson, and Thomas Applewhite*, several of which are valuable plantations and water lots, in the towns of *Norfolk* and *Portsmouth*. Also 13 negroes; among them are a tanner and a blacksmith.

2" MATTHEW GODFREY, Escheator.

TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS REWARD.

STRAYED or stolen from the palace, on the 6th inst. a very likely sorrel mare, about fourteen hands high, with a hanging mane and long switch tail, trots and gallops easy, has a small star in her forehead, but no brand that I recollect. Any person who takes up the said mare and delivers her to Mr. *William Ray*, in *Richmond*, or to the public hostler at the barracks, in *Williamsburg*, shall receive the above reward, on application at the Quarter Master General's office.

Williamsburg, July 10, 1780.

By a Court of Admiralty, held at the council chamber in Williamsburg, on Wednesday the 5th day of July, 1780.

His honour is to be in the city of Richmond by the 1st of August next, and company against the ship *DANCING BETSY*, her tackle, apparel and appurtenances having been duly published, and no person appearing to free and discharge the same, the libel is ordered to be confessed, and thereupon and upon full proof of the premises and deposition filed, it is ordered, adjudged, and decreed, that the said ship, with her tackle, apparel and appurtenances, be condemned as lawful prize to the use of the libellants and captors, according to the resolutions of Congress; and that the Marshal pay over the proceeds thereof, after deducting the costs of this suit, the expence of the sale, and the allowance to mariners pursuant to law, and bring the residue into court, to be disposed of as the court shall think fit. And it is ordered that the said Marshal do cause the said vessel, cargo, and appurtenances, after the same shall be sold, the expence of the sale, and the allowance to mariners pursuant to law, and bond filed, delivered to the purchaser. And that this sentence be published three times in the *Virginia Gazette*. (A Copy.) WM. KELLY, Reg. Cur.

Williamsburg, July 4, 1780.

FOR sale at *Tob. Crenshaw's* store, on a credit, upon terms the most easy to the purchaser, to ready money or tobacco, a large assortment of common dry goods, and groceries for retail, consisting of various kinds of coarse linens, double refined and brown sugars, tea and coffee, cocoa, hooks and thimbles, tea trays, jacks and tongs, plain locks, brass candlesticks, spring steelyards, gunpowder, coarse indigo, spades, broad and narrow hoes, an assortment of knitting needles, bone combs, gun, bell, velvet cords, with a large assortment of men and boys hose and knee garters, flat metal, steel, and horn sleeve and breast buttons, pin, gilt coat and vest do., bell razors and strops, brass clock pins and chest nails, wood screws, negro knives, buffalo and framed handsaws, compleat spectacles, and glasses for near sighted people, desks and locker castors for chairs, beds and tables, brass butt HL and cross garnet hinges, piano irons, brass locks, a large assortment of sewing thread and silk, gunpowder, garran clothes, logwood, copperas, alum and sal prunel, nerves, rice, sailors, ribbons and gloves, with a fresh assortment of useful medicines, consisting of rhubarb, jalap, ipecacuanha, calomel, cream of tartar, manna, *Epsom* and *Glauber* salts, senna, hiera picra, laudanum, *Freeman's* carmint, *Turlington's* balsam, jesuit's bark, white vitriol, and various other medicines, with a complete set of carpenters tools.

TO be sold at the subscriber's plantation, on the 1st day of *August* next, for ready cash, a tract of land, containing about 500 acres, lying about ten miles from *Hampton*, being on both sides of the main branch of *Chesconessick*, in *Prince William* and *Stafford* counties, with three very good apple orchards, one, one beautiful and large, and very good fruit; there are 150 acres of good meadow land lies well, and ten acres in meadow, a beautiful situation, well watered and timbered, a good dwelling house, kitchen, and barn, and other out houses; also lime rock and household furniture, too tedious to mention.

WILLIAM CAFE.

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY POUNDS REWARD.

FOR taking up my negro fellow *Peter*. He is near six feet high, and well made, rather of a yellowish complexion, Virginia born, and not above twenty-four or twenty-five years of age, has lost all the toes on both feet with the frost. He once belonged to *Col. Riggs* near the *Great Bridge*, *Norfolk* county, and is well known thereabouts. He ran away last May, and was the greater part of the summer lurking about *Hampton*; he has since been seen in *Nansemond* county and *North Carolina*, where he passed for a freeman. I will pay the above reward to any person who will deliver him to me near *Williamsburg*, or to *Mr. Francis Riddlehurst, Hampton*, with all reasonable charges.

FRANCIS PRIDDY